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No 11

St Louis May 15th 1807.

Dear Sir

A Feew days ago a Deputation from Several Bands of the Sieoux inhabiting the borders of the Missouri arrived at this place with Mr Durion Sub: Agent (appointed by Genl Wilkinson) for the Missouri. On their way down they were fired on by a party of Indians supposed to be Ottoes; which has alarmed them very much. Those Sieoux have requested protection, asked forgiveness, for their passed Conduct; and wish to be on friendly terms with Our Government. They also request to be Sent in Safty to their Country.

These band of Seeoux are noumerous, and from their Situation and habits, it is in My oppinion, impostent, that the U.States accept of their Solicitations, and be on the most friendly terms with them.

I Shall furnish this Deputation with Medals and Flags or which they veew as Sacred emblements of attachment and Protection. also Such other Articles as may be necessary at this time to please and give them an exalted oppinion of the paternal

affection

ffection of our government to those Indians who se
their protection.

I have every reason to believe that the Secretary of War had no expectation that those Savage bands would seek the protection of our government as early as this, and he has made no arrangements for their returning in Safty to their Country.

I have no ~~right~~ authority to demand a Military protection, but under the view you may have of this Subject, if you should think your Self justifiable in furnishing a Small Detachment for the protection of those people (residing) (1200 miles up the Missouri) to their Country in Safty; it would dignify, and most probably facilitate the ends which the government wis to promote "the perfect harmony with ~~of~~ all the Ind in that quarter."

The Boats which I have purchased for the detachment for the Mandans, will require thirteen men independent of a Sergeant. ~~which~~

With the highest respect I have
the honor to be your most
obt Servant

Wm Clark. Ind: Agt

Genl W. Clark
May 15th 1807